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A Supposed Movement on Foo for the Capture of Tours.

Incidents of the Siege of Bitsche.

Villages Around Metz Destroyed by the Prussian Artillery.

Thiers' Account of His Visit to St. Petersburg.

Belief Expressed that Napoleon and Bazaine will Inaugurate Peace Negotiations.

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Instructions to French Prefects Concerning the Coming Election.

Full Synopsis of Bismarck's Recent Circular to Foreign Representatives.

Treaty Between China and Japan for the Expulsion of Foreigners.

FRANCE.

THE INVESTMENT OF PARIS.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—Paris letters received to-day say the Prussians threaten Fort de Issy.

The bombardment of the city from the west is mentioned.

The books of the great libraries have been removed to the cellars.

All windows have been filled with bags of earth, and watchmen have been stationed on Notre Dame to look out for fires.

TOURS, Oct. 4.—An encounter recently occurred between a French reconnoitering party and the enemy, at Neuilly, near Paris. No report is given.

The commanders of Forts Mont Rouge and D'Ivry, on the south of Paris, report on the 30th large masses of Prussian passing to the west, toward Versailles. On the same day a Prussian force was visible from the forest of Vincennes.

There are 1,200 Prussians at Pelitzen.

THE SIEGE OF BITSCHE.

Advices are received stating that the Prussians are concentrating at Toul, for a movement on Nancy. Precautionary measures are accordingly being taken to defend that city.

FRENCH ADVANCED POSTS.

ROUEN, Oct. 4.—The Prussians are at Montevilliers. They have also approached Fecamps.

ROUEN, Oct. 4, via LONDON.—The Prussians are at La Feste, and levy heavy contributions. Firing is heard to-day on the heights of Rouvray and around Bamberchier.

THE BATTLE OF THE 30TH ULT.

TOURS, Oct. 4.—Official reports received here of the battle near Paris on the 30th ult. The firing was commenced at Villejuif for three hours, and then ceased entirely. The Prussians were engaged at first, but they brought up a large force of artillery from Montrouge, and opened a heavy fire on them. They were soon repulsed, and did not lose a man on the retreat. Many carts loaded with Prussian wounded have arrived at the village of Meudon.

SIEGE.

A New York Tribune correspondent, before Metz, writes under date of A. Prussian battery at Longueval, in front of St. Germeilles, discharged, with shells, the French bridge across the Moselle.

Shells were fired into the village of Mont les Metz.

Last night the Prussians made a dash into the village of Nouilly. In front of the French position, and were driven back. It contained about fifty men.

Boarding houses for sale, with 15 good rooms, in the best business location in the city. Call and examine. DOBBINS & SAMPLE, 80 Randolph-st.

THE BOMBARDMENT OF STRASBURG.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—Advices from Strasburg announce that the condition of the city is distressing. Before the bombardment the sick and wounded in the hospitals were removed to the cellars of the buildings, and the population hastened to cellars, were either suffocated or burned to death.

(Special Dispatch to the New York Tribune.)

LONDON, Oct. 4.—The correspondent before Bitsche telegraphs, on the 4th, that on Friday, Saturday, and yesterday the garrison made a gentle show of resistance and defiance; gunners by a shell fire, and burned the batteries and farm where the besiegers' outposts were. The operations had been somewhat weakened. The besieging guns comprise four 24-pound mortars and five 12-pounder howitzers, and the garrison has only five 12-pounder brass guns. All previous parties were completely resilient. From the 7th to the 30th there was a severe bombardment, causing terrible havoc in the town, destroying the castle and many houses below. The besieging batteries became disabled by firing through themselves, and withdrew to convert the shells. The covering batteries also withdrew, leaving the north and west sides open. The fort is said to be two hundred feet perpendicular rock in two stories, has solid casemates, and is impregnable. The garrison numbers 4,500 men.

THE CAPITAL FROM THE FOE.

The Pope has made a new appeal to the King of Prussia in favor of peace.

GERMAN WORKS SHELLED BY GUNBOATS.

"The German works at Bilbao occupy have been shelled by the gunboats on the Seine, which were only driven off after considerable slaughter of the Germans.

THE LOSS A great deal of sickness in the German camps."

AN EASY TASK PREDICTED.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—The New York correspondent writing from Paris, says: "Judging from present indications I think the Prussians will enter the Paris of the first entered Athens. No works construction of stone can stand against Krupp's cannon at a distance of a mile and a-half, owing in their recent advances, can place them."

RUMORED DEATH OF VON MOLTKE.

FRANKFORT, Oct. 4, via TOURS, Oct. 4.—It is rumored here that the body of Von Moltke was in the lead coffin which recently passed through Basel. Von Moltke is a native of Mecklenburg."

GERMANY.

NAPOLEON, Oct. 4.—It is known that a great General died recently at Rheims, and is supposed from his last that the person in the case of him was managed with death if they divulged the secret, to have been General Moltke.

PRIVATE DISPATCHES—FURTHER INCREASE.

TOURS, Oct. 4.—It is now certain that the order recently issued by the provisional government, for the arrest of Generals Ferrie and Bourbaki, was occasioned by evidence found in private documents, seized at the Tuileries, that both these men were aware that the conspiracy had at first been based upon evidence manufactured by the police.

AT LYONS.

The Prefect of the Department of Lyons, has published a proclamation, in accordance with the action of the government, which declares the existence of a state of siege in the Prefects. He urges a more exact observance of military discipline. He also denounces the Corps of Franc Tireurs, ordering them to join the Mobiles. Disobedience of this order is to be punished according to military law. Scheme and the chiefs of the International Society of Workmen have been arrested at Lyons.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—From Lyons it is stated that the Prefect, in his proclamation, declares that the existence of a state of siege in the Department of the Rhone has been proclaimed. The associations of General Channel have been imprisoned.

SWITZERLAND.

(Special Dispatch to the New York Tribune.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—The result of the Prussian operations thus far in front of Paris is surveyed in a specific dispatch from a correspondent at Versailles, who telegraphs:

"There has been no important progress made in the siege up to the 1st of October, and it is evident that the French in Paris have fully availed themselves of the long delay in the German advance upon the capital."

FRENCH LEVIES IN THE SOUTH.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—special at Santiago sends word from Tours that all the South of France is under arms. Great numbers of troops have arrived at Tours within the past week, from Perdeaux and Marseilles. The towns on the Loire, Angers, Saumur, and Nantes, are crowded with soldiers, and drilling goes on incessantly. The towns on the Rhone, from Lyons to Avignon, are also full of troops, the aspect of country is the same condition. No thought of peace seems to be anywhere entertained.

AMERICAN OFFICERS.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—General Burnside, General Hazen, and Colonel Forbes after much diplomatic difficulty, succeeded in obtaining an audience of King of Prussia to visit Paris. They carry their own flag of truce, and go at their own risk.

(Special Dispatch to the New York Tribune.)

LONDON, Oct. 4.—A special correspondent at Berlin says he went, on the 30th ult., to see the newly arrived from Paris. Among them were Burnside and Colonel Forbes. They dined with Mr. Washburne, who is in excellent health and spirits, and will remain at his post.

It is announced that the garrison of Paris now are 200,000 National Guards, 90,000 regulars of the line, and 80,000 Mobiles. Of the latter, three regiments and battalions are distinct immunity, and it is contrarily believed in the city that the army of Paris alone, if let out against the Prussians, would be able to assume the offensive with success. There has been no street rioting or fighting whatever.

THE BOMBARDMENT.

The whole German force now occupying those batteries Paris consists of seven army corps, numbering 200,000, including cavalry, which will probably bring the total up to 250,000 or 300,000.

THE GERMAN PRESS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—The Paris Gazette, in a recent issue, says the Odeon Princes amply regret the decline, by the French Government, to accept their services. They have every faith in the future of the country, and that Paris will never be taken by the Prussians.

NEW ORLEANS MARKETS.

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SPAIN.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—Several dispatches from Madrid announce that the Cortes has adopted the following resolution:

"The Cortes, in the name of the Spanish nation, declares that the Spanish nation will not recognize any other government than that which shall be established by the Cortes, and will not lay down arms until the Cortes shall have established a government."

The Cortes has representatives to Russia were ordered to the passing of the Turco government, on the ground that the latter had not given satisfaction of Prussian aggrandizement. He made no proposition whatever.

MISCELLANEOUS.

TOURS, Oct. 4.—The Brittany clergy are taking an active lead in the measures for the national defense. Though Brittany is in good part, in South France. The government is thus greatly strengthened for duty, and the rights of the clergy is correspondingly renewed.

LYONS, Oct. 4.—From all parts of the Department of the Rhone the enthusiasm are now equally satisfying its energy.

TOURS, Oct. 4.—The new military organization in Savoy is of a most satisfactory character. The republic, forced to make an explanation, again in search of the rotting stock of the inflamed has been carried out in accordance with the law. Parents made since the commencement of the war, that there is not enough left to run battalions regularly.

A decree has been published involving exemption of the Post Office Department from military service.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—Prince Napoleon has attached this title, at Compiegne, for sale.

The old Republican party of France is reported hostile to the plebiscite, and will not vote. The rural vote will be cast unanimous in favor of the government.

Paris is said to be waiting an answer to his second letter to the King of Prussia, before doing how to act.

Calais is filled with Nationalists. Recruiting parties have been out toward Arras.

TOURS, Oct. 4.—An officer of the late Provisional Government arrived here to organize a corps of franc tirles.

General Chanzy is to have command of the Fifteenth Corps, now organizing here and at Bourges.

The Gazette Nordde reported 8,000 Chassepots at Metz.

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A Prussian detachment was yesterday driven out of Attenay.

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ITALY.

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"Victory for Ministerism was a perfect farce. Of Voting for Ministerism was a perfect farce. Of Voting for Ministerism thousand ayes and but seventy nays." He declares that the Italian soldiers and good citizens, with the voice of the country at their back, and the other low quarters, voted aye, but that a vast number of the best citizens, disgusted with the corruption of the Ministry, abstained from voting. He declares that the change might yet be peaceful, and that in obedience to the call of the people, Garibaldi would be nominated by Prussia, but that he would not be all the territory elected. Paris and Strasbourg was the key of the house,—not capitulation. Within three months Italy will be free from Prussia, in a previous correspondence, had said he was willing to pay, as the price of peace, all the towns were held by Prussia. Even at Berlin people are indignant.

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OHIO.

Formal Opening of the Southern Commercial Convention in Cincinnati.

Welcoming Address by Hon. Geo. H. Pendleton.

Appointment of Committees.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 4.—The Southern Commercial Convention assembled this morning at 10 o'clock, in Pike's Hall. The hall has been recently adorned with fountains of everygreens lying on the front of the gallery, as well as around the interior and through the gallery. The United States coat of arms, with the name of the State on each, are placed in front of the galleries. About 500 persons were present in the hall when the Convention was called to order by E. M. Stanton, President pro tem. of the Convention, who, after a few remarks, introduced Rev. Mr. Hoge, Rev. A. L. Stone, Rev. Dr. Pendleton, Rev. Dr. Bullard, and Rev. Dr. Hall, Chaplains of the Convention.

ADDRESS OF GOV. HAYES.

GOVERNOR OF THE CONVENTION: My fellow-citizens have done me kindness in selecting me to welcome you to this city. The Board of Trade, the Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trade, the municipal authorities, and the people have united in this kind behalf. They have commanded me to welcome you to this city, and I do so with pleasure. They have commanded me to say with sincerity what I have said. I do so with pleasure, and I would fain believe that, in the minds of your presence here, and that they desire to recognize it by every act of courtesy, and every hospitality. These are the sentiments which I have to express. I am not a business man; these delegations from every State, Chamber of Commerce, and every Board of Trade, and from the Southern States, are composed of business men from the Southern States, and I am not a business man. I have never had the opportunity such as to make me feel that I am competent to address you upon the subjects of the South and North. [Applause.] Gentlemen, I am a politician, and I am a politician in feelings, not in figures on the dial. We should not be here if we were politicians. Those who thinks the most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

"Gentlemen, it is your work to add this development, and I am sure you will accomplish it. I shall look to its accomplishment. This is the first fruit of the munificence of liberal, patriotic, magnanimous people, the richest born of the earth. [Applause.] Gentlemen, I am not a man matured and entirely beauty, she looks with interest upon the work of your hands. I am glad to be here. I bid you welcome. Cincinnati is the city of the West, and Ohio, the true heart of the nation, and the dark crown which she forever wears is the crown of the free. [Applause.] Intelligent and industrious labor. In her name I bid you welcome. Whatever in her power to do shall be accomplished, was enough to be instructed, and to be made to feel that you are welcome to the use of their countrymen. In their name I bid you welcome. [Applause.] Gentlemen, I bid you heartiness."

COMMITTEES.

R. M. Bishop, as Temporary Chairman, then made the following announcement of the Committees: On Permanent Organization, on Credentials, on Resolutions, on Rules, on Finance, on Organization.—G. H. Winsor, Alabama; Geo. Capers, Georgia; Thos. J. Orson, Indiana; S. W. Richards, Kentucky; Col. Geo. Wm. Morgan, Louisiana; Col. Wm. Murphy, Maryland; Col. Wm. Mumford, Mississippi; R. R. Kirkland, Maryland; R. Abb, Missouri; Jno. Hill, Missouri; Jno. Hill, Missouri; Jno. R. Dunn, New York; Jas. R. Dunn, New York; Jas. H. Dunn, New York; Jas. H. Dunn, New York; Judge Bowen, Ohio; W. J. Hamilton, Ohio; Wm. Bell, Ohio; Wm. Bell, Ohio; Wm. Bell

THE COURTS.

...ry of Business in the United States Courts.

...ruptcy—Bankruptcy Proceedings—Taxation of Treasury Notes, &c.

...United States Courts.

...ABS.

Appointments of Speakers.

The following are officially announced by the Illinois Republican State Committee:

Governor R. J. OGLESBY will speak at Belvidere, Wednesday, October 6, at 2 p. m.

Dixon, Wednesday, October 6, at 8 p. m.

Sterling, Friday, October 8, at 2 p. m.

Rock Island, Monday, October 11, at 2 p. m.

Monmouth, Tuesday, October 12, at 2 p. m.

Galesburg, Wednesday, October 13, at 2 p. m.

Knoxville, Thursday, October 14, at 2 p. m.

Peoria, Friday, October 15, at 2 p. m.

Jacksonville, Saturday, October 16, at 2 p. m.

Hon. JESSE K. DUBOIS, candidate for Governor, will speak as follows:

Quincy, Monday, October 4, at 2 p. m.

Carthage, Tuesday, October 5, at 2 p. m.

Macomb, Wednesday, October 6, at 2 p. m.

Havana, Saturday, October 9, at 2 p. m.

Hon. E. L. BATES, State Treasurer, will speak as follows:

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Aurora, Monday, October 17.

Elgin, Tuesday, October 18.

Rockford, Wednesday, October 19.

Freeport, Thursday, October 20.

Galena, Friday, October 21.

Dixon, Saturday, October 23.

Sterling, Monday, October 25.

Rock Island, Tuesday, October 26.

Monmouth, Wednesday, October 27.

Knoxville, Thursday, October 28.

Peoria, Friday, October 29.

Jacksonville, Saturday, October 30.

Hon. CASPAR BUTZ, candidate for State Treasurer, will speak as follows:

Quincy, Wednesday, October 4.

Macomb, October 6.

Peoria, Saturday, October 16.

Kewanee, Monday, October 18.

Princeton, Tuesday, October 19.

Geneseo, October 20.

Sterling, Friday, October 22.

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Ottawa, Saturday, October 30.

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All the above meetings to be in the evening.

THE NEW YORK CANAL TOLLS.

The Albany *Evening Journal* does not understand why the people of the Western States should object to being taxed to pay the debt of New York. It, therefore, protests against the reduction of Erie Canal tolls, and against any reduction of the revenues of the canals. It says that the present canal national charges upon those revenues are: 1. The cost of superintendence and repairs; 2. The debt contracted for their construction; 3. The general Fund debt; and 4. The Interest on both. In these published statements, to the effect that, since 1845, and including 1870, about $25,000,000 have been paid from the State Treasury to supply deficiencies in canal revenues. It declares information how the State of New York pays the debts she pledged it to be paid, and answers its own question by insisting that the high tolls of last year shall be restored. It says:

"But the Western forwarders and the supply dry-goggers of our own State are not satisfied with this answer. They want cheap canals. The question may be reduced to the issue of the tax-payers of the State of New York. Why should they be compelled to pay the debts of the Western States? The proposition is monstrous! Nevertheless, it is the basis of a scheme to emit the debts secured by the canal revenues of the Western States, and to put on our canals that amount and pay their just and equitable proportion.

The State of New York has a large number of canals, constructed at great cost. Of these, the Erie and Oswego Canals are the only ones in which the people of the West have the slightest interest. The tolls received by the State of New York upon these two canals are largely in excess of their entire cost of construction, including in that cost interest on money borrowed by new construction, canal expenditures, and the whole cost of enlarging, repairing, and superintending. But the other canals, which do not yield revenue enough, some of them, to pay the cost of collection, do not pay interest on the debt contracted for their construction, nor fully necessary repairs, nor the cost of superintendence. The people of the West have paid for the Erie and Oswego Canals, and the State of New York has collected of them nearly $46,000,000 to pay for and keep in order some eight or ten inland canals, which never have paid, and never will pay, for the cost of superintendence. When the Albany *Journal* speaks of canals, it means all of them, but when the people of the West speak of canals they mean those that have been paid for nearly sixty years.

The State of New York may establish whatever rate of tolls it thinks proper on the inland canals, and pay its debt out of the proceeds. The people of the West will not complain; they have no use for these canals, and if have no desire that New York should build canals for them free. But when they have paid back to the State the cost of the only canals they can, and every dollar the State has expended on them, and many millions in excess, then they have an undoubtable claim that the tolls on those two canals be reduced to the mere cost of keeping them in order.

Last year the Canal Commissioners reduced the tolls on breadstuffs, but the reduction did not take effect until the practical abandonment of the canal as a route for the transportation of breadstuffs had commenced. What the effect has been on the amount of grain shipped by canal this season, we cannot say, but this is certain, that a return to the former rates of toll will be the virtual closing of the Erie Canal as a route for breadstuffs. Even at the present low rates of toll, grain passes Buffalo for Montreal, or reaching Buffalo, is thence moved to New York by rail. Under these circumstances, it is absurd for the Albany *Journal* to insist upon paying off the State debt out of tolls on the productions of the West. If New York will not make the Erie Canal free, then it will be thirty years before it will collect any large amount of tolls on breadstuffs in the future. With the canal free of tolls, the trade is tremendously might continue on that route several years longer, but if the tolls are to be restored to the old rates, then the new path proposed to be tolled will find numerous shippers. New York may levy tolls, but she cannot force the grain to go by canal. Her city may insist upon receiving the old rates of toll, and the people of the West may do it, and have found, other routes by which other channels must be reached at less cost.

New York has an undoubted legal right to fix such rates of toll on the three canals as she may choose. Nor do we deny that it is competent for that people, by legislative enactment, or official veto, to refuse to apply moneys for the private benefit of the people of other States. But we protest against the assumption that the people of the West will send the surpluses there for it. Currency cannot be secured in abundance in any section by merely putting it there, if the laws of trade and the problems its flow to other points. So long as our currency is irredeemable and fluctuating, it can earn a higher rate of interest by being concentrated for speculative uses in the great centres of capital than by circulating in small sums among the people. It is the changeable value of our currency that causes it to collect in the centres of speculation, instead of being equally diffused over the whole area of production, and employed in useful work. Whatever will reduce the premium on gold and, at the same time, give us free banking on a specie basis, will make money abundant at the West and South, or wherever there is any use for it, or anything to buy it with.

The second suggestion (in which Mr. Boutwell concurred), was that if the greenback were made receivable for one-fourth of the customs duties, it would appreciate its value and help to reduce the premium on gold. This has been the opinion of other war-gamers. The late Thaddeus Stevens contended that, if greenbacks were receivable for customs the same as gold, the premium on gold would disappear entirely, and the currency would be worth as much at par. The suggestion is only one-fourth of the customs duties payable in greenbacks, would be to reduce the tariff (which might be a good thing), and to cause a further expectation of gold. These things (the latter, because the gold is this country, one-fourth of the existing stock would be liberated and would go abroad to be invested in something that would pay a profit to the owners.

The interview between Mr. Ingersoll and Mr. Boutwell is reported in the New York *Journal of Commerce*. Mr. Ingersoll, we are pleased to observe, let fall some remarks indicating that, in his opinion, a return to specie payments would not be an unmitigated evil to these United States.

THE BANK WHERE THE WILD THYME GROWS.

Mr. Alexander H. Gosden, of Henry County, Illinois, has published a scheme of national finance, in the columns of the *Henry County Republican*. The plan, in brief, is that there shall be a "Mother" National Bank at Washington, with filial National Banks, one in each county, or rather that the nation shall be divided into each county shall be a branch bank, presided over by a President and Cashier elected by the people, that legal-tender notes shall be issued by the government, bank and distributed by the Mother Bank in proportion to the assessed value of the real estate in the county, but so as to make the total volume of the currency for the whole country two, three, or four times what it now is; that these bills are to be regarded as secured by the real estate on which they are issued, though Mr. Gosden justice invents no reveals any process by which the bill-holder can make this supposed lien on the land effective, nor if he has a bushel of bills can foreclose them on any particular acre of land so as to become its owner. This is, probably, the institution referred to in Midsummer Night's Dream, the bank wherein the wild thyme grows.

It is stated that the money is to be distributed to each county branch, but the plan ingeniously omits to provide whether they are to give it away, spend it, or loan it on personal paper. In either case, if it is not repaid to them, Mr. Gosden omits to provide how the real estate of the county is to sustain the bank in its munificent system of lending without security, or how it is to guarantee to the bill-holders that their bills shall not be utterly worthless. Since the days when manna and quails fell into the camps of Israel, there has been no systematic distribution of something for nothing on the part of Divine Providence.

Not are we at all alarmed, though we had revived in the faith of the people, to expect that there will be. To sustain the value of a paper currency which shall be issued without security for its redemption, and loaned in unlimited quantities without any necessity for its repayment, is an undertaking involving the same miraculous powers which would effect a shower of manna. We would ask Mr. Gosden whether he is able to supplement his plan with these supernatural accompaniments. If he is not, Dis Iterum sends that his currency shall be issued for a valid security already pledged for its redemption, and shall be loaned only to such as can secure its repayment, then he would have to amend his plan in those respects. When he had done so it would arrive at exactly our present National Banking system. Mr. Gosden's name betrays a French origin. If he will recall the history of the French assignats, he will perceive that his idea was fully tried in that form in a park, and that all our Revolutionary fathers with their Continental money, and by the Confederates with their currency. The French assignats was the best of all, for they were assigned so much land to the holders of the notes. All other issues of paper money have been based on the entire taxable property of the nations issuing them. But none of that property being immediately available for their redemption, except in the pocket of it as was needful for the government in taxes, they were really based on an irredeemable public promise. In this respect, they differed from the greenback only in having a less responsible and solvent government behind the promise.

The Louisville *Commercial*, a Republican newspaper, suggests to the postmaster-general that they abolish the envelope. It proposes particularly that the envelope furnished by postal law for official correspondence be abolished. It says that the envelope is mainly used for the privilege it gives the writer of sending his name and business card free of postage. It says: "Let those who believe in protection to home industry, or free trade, or any other system of political economy, unite in petitioning the postmaster-general to abolish the envelope, and the thing will be done. Let New York be united with Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and other cities, and the work is done. Let us unite in this matter, for it is a matter of great importance to the business men of the country. Let us not be divided on this question, as we are on so many others, but let us unite with our brethren in other cities, and with them petition the postmaster-general to abolish the envelope. Let us not be afraid to unite with foreign thinkers, not to use Leeds cutlery, or French brandy, or Genoa shapes, or Java coffee, or Turkey blood oil, &c."

The advantage of this scheme is, that it would not infringe on small the rights of American citizens to possess, and enjoy, and dispose of their own earnings in their own way. All persons who should desire to contribute a portion or the whole of their property to enable other persons to carry on either a profitable or a losing business, could do so without objection from any quarter, while those who prefer to invest their money for their own advantage, would assure a the liberty of choice.

The "Eagle order" of Cincinnati, sometimes called Young Greenbackers, for short, had a wonderful flight yesterday. His speech to the Southern Commercial Convention was as grand a display of magnificent nothingness as ever he ever made. He did not fail to refer to Virginia as the maternal ancestor of the Northwest, and to Ohio as her first born. Cincinnati was also advertised as the "Queen of the Ohio" wearing the "dark crown which sits forever on her fair brow." This dark crown, he explained, was the "sign and symbol of labor" and the inevitable inference to be drawn from the remark is, that Cincinnati is in labor, and, as she always wears the sign, that she is always in labor. She is justly entitled to our sympathy. Mr. Pendleton drew a picture of the future in the Valley of the Mississippi was the mind to be, and would certainly do in a comparatively short time, but Mr. Pendleton wisely abstains from any indication of how these vast internal improvements are to be made. Has he become a convert to the doctrine that most of them are "of general government," as well as a national character, which shall build roads and canals wherever any person asks for them, and generally to take care of our trade and commerce, leaving the people nothing to say or do except to pay taxes? He spoke of building a canal from the Ohio River to Norfolk, through, over, and under the mountains of Virginia, as if it were a mere job of paving a street; he talked of other routes from the Mississippi River to the Atlantic and the Pacific, and intimates, though he does not say so, that all these are to be built by the government. The Southern Convention wants to recommend a series of internal improvements, involving an expenditure, perhaps, of $500,000,000. Mr. Pendleton greets the delegates, and tells them that the works they propose ought to be, and shall be, made. Does he mean this in the way of approving such an expenditure by the government, or does he mean it only in the way of a Presidential aspirant, bidding for the support of those interested in the vast scheme of plunder?

The letter of Governor Koerner on the present relations of France and Prussia, which we published yesterday, is certainly a strong presentation of the facts from a German standpoint. That the French people did not desire and justify the declaration of war against Germany, is true. So, also, is it true that we cannot separate the acts of the government from those of the people. Hence it is all the same, whether the people endorsed the war or not. The government ought to be, because Germany endorsed and supported a government which produced them.

While all this is true, we should have been glad to see in Governor Koerner's letter some recognition of the fact that nations have higher work to perform than to punish their enemies, and take vengeance upon those who have despitefully used them. France is the most unfortunate nation in Europe. She has been badly educated, wretchedly governed, worse than priest-ridden, taught to look upon military glory as the highest form of glory, and inoculated with the "big head" in the most alarming manner. Notwithstanding all these drawbacks, which may be set down mainly to the account of Bonapartism (commencing with the career of the first Bonaparte), France has contributed as largely to the progress of the world in science, art, literature, and civilization, as any other nation of the age. Some portion of the continued advancement of the world as any other country. To say that she is a spoiled child, but, nevertheless, a child of genius, is not saying too much. It is not becoming in any people who have received a good solid training, to strike her when she is down, to thrust her into the dirt, or to take mere revenge upon her, because she is defenseless. Granted that she believed herself right when she provoked the war, and that she had taken no means as yet in relation to the matter, but the present indications are that, as of the wounded upon battlefields has taken place.

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The women of Kansas, Lucy Stone says, do not know how to settle their own little grievances without the interference of big brothers. A thousand years hence, when the world has improved, with by one of the leading mothers among of that city, scattered his name, pistol in hand, to another city, with a rifle, and ordered him, on pain of a presence of mind on his part which enabled him to throw up her hand and clutch her by the throat. A neighbor came after apparent on the scene and separated them.

WYOMING.

Forrest Stephens, a missionary of geology and agricultural chemistry, has written to the St. Louis *Democrat* stating that on is not a mineral country, but a country of surface, which will, perhaps aluminum, calcium, magnesium, silica, and iron added by the presence of their spar.

MISCELLANEOUS.

There was a dull baby's wedding at Ridgefield, Texas, the other day. Several hundred little girls were present.

—A young gentleman and lady, a few days since, visited the Lafayette, Ind., Museum, and, before leaving, to see the circus, and returned by the same conveyance.

—The corporation of the city of Seattle, by its advocate, Beckman, has commenced an action at law at Steilacoom against the King and Queen of London for the recovery of the city limits, but was thrown by Charles XII. from that city.

—In the city of Connecticut, who lost her purse a short time since in order to obtain money for being restored to her, that she would not attempt to interfere with the reward which was stored in the Heaven for our friend, by offering him money.

—There is a man living in Calhoun County, Mich., who is supposed to be more than one hundred and thirty-two men in the State. He is 32 years of age, weighs 300 pounds, and can walk 30 miles with a load of fallen trees. He has the combined strength of five ordinary women to lift.

—It is proposed to call the new county in the building of any more buildings, and to have the faculty considering the entertainment a sufficient reward for their services. One of the caretakers no action as yet in relation to the matter, but the present indications are that the work of the wounded upon battlefields has taken place.

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—"Were I to affirm," he says, "that our rumor has no stain to fear from a reconciliation based on the disarmament of fortresses I have become useless, and on the principle of a war indemnity to be settled by experts, I believe peace would be possible."

—Napoleon (or the wag) here intimates that the best course for France to pursue is to permit the "disarmament of fortresses," a humiliation which, it is generally supposed, the republic has stood ready to accept. But, as Germany demanded more than this of the republic, it is not strange that peace on this basis would be made possible, simply by the ex-Emperor affirming that it would be politic.

Still the letter indicates an improving tone in the Emperor's health since he has relinquished the baptism of fire at Sedan for the breezes of William's Heights, which is gratifying, as he is of too little remaining consequence for the world to wish him ill. Whether the letter is the production of the ex-Emperor or some practical joker, it is eminently characteristic of the late imperial charlatan. The sentences swallow each other, and wrap out wrong and foremost in the aggravated style of the *Idees Napoleoniennes*, which the impudence of the whole thing is first-class.

—The population of St. Louis, Carondelet, and the adjoining country, is returned by the census-takers at 312,963, showing an increase by another hundred of 50 per cent since 1860. The population of Chicago, without any adjoining towns, is 290,117, being an increase of 161 per cent since 1860. If we had taken the precaution to add to our corporate limits the suburban localities of Hyde Park, Lake View, and the Union Stock Yards, all of which are connected with us by street railways and lighted with city gas, the present population of Chicago would have exceeded that of St. Louis, while if we had gone out to Evanston, Riverside, Harlem, and Calumet, all of which are as near to the center of business here as Carondelet is to that of St. Louis, we should have footed up at least 330,000.

THE NORTHWEST.

ILLINOIS.

The Knox City Library contains 8,000 volumes.

—Sixty thousand dollars has been subscribed in Bloomington toward building a new hotel.

—The fourth annual reunion of the Thirty-fifth Regiment Illinois Volunteers will be held at Aurora, on October 5. General John A. Logan will attend, and address the soldiers in the afternoon.

IOWA.

Muscatine, last year, had 1,351 inhabitants, and this year's census gives it 1,653.

—The Burlington & Cedar Rapids Railroad is now completed to Manchester, on the Delaware & Dubuque County line.

—Ralph P. Lathrop, who was a private in the Iowa Legislature, and who was killed on a locomotive on the Dubuque & Sioux City Road after serving in that capacity, and who has since been buried in Dubuque, at his own request was buried with his face. It is said that he became involved in an altercation with Captain Isaiah Rogers, in a saloon in Dubuque, and that he was shot and killed by the latter. Captain Rogers was once a warden of the penitentiary at Marshall, but with the change of administration was removed. He subsequently engaged in the livery business in Dubuque. Captain Rogers will be arraigned before the grand jury of Dubuque County, which convenes in September.

—Mrs. Mary Ann Hall, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, died on the 19th of September, at the age of 100 years. She was born in Virginia, and was married to Mr. Hall in Kentucky, in 1793. She was the mother of 13 children, 11 of whom survive her. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 70 years. Her husband died in 1850. She was a woman of great energy of character, and was a pioneer in the settlement of Iowa. She was a woman of great energy of character, and was a pioneer in the settlement of Iowa.

—The Iowa Legislature will be called upon to provide for the payment of $1,000,000 of bonds issued to the Des Moines Valley Railroad Company, which matured on the 1st of October, and which the company is unable to pay. The bonds were issued in aid of the road, and the company claims that the law under which they were issued is unconstitutional. The Supreme Court of the State has decided that the bonds are valid, and the company has applied to the Legislature for relief

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For the construction of a pier at the mouth of the Chicago River, Illinois.

For the construction of a pier at the mouth of Calumet River, Illinois.

For the construction of a pier at the mouth of Grand Calumet River, Illinois.

For the construction of a pier at the mouth of Little Calumet River, Illinois.

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For the construction of a pier at the mouth of Trail Creek, Indiana.

For the construction of a pier at the mouth of Kenosha Harbor, Wisconsin.

For the construction of a pier at the mouth of Racine Harbor, Wisconsin.

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For the construction of a pier at the mouth of Sheboygan River, Wisconsin.

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For the construction of a pier at the mouth of Kewaunee Harbor, Wisconsin.

For the construction of a pier at the mouth of Sturgeon Bay Canal, Wisconsin.

For the construction of a pier at the mouth of Green Bay Harbor, Wisconsin.

For the construction of a pier at the mouth of Menominee River, Wisconsin.

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For the construction of a pier at the mouth of Manistique Harbor, Michigan.

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MEDICAL COLLEGES OPENED.

Formal Dedication of a Medical Institution for Ladies.

Opening Exercises of Bennett Medical College.

Women's Hospital Medical College.

FEMALE EDUCATION.

The formal dedication of the Women's Hospital Medical College took place last evening in the auditorium of the First Methodist Church, where a large and intelligent audience was invited to be on hand. The objects of the evening were given with precision by Rev. Dr. Eddy, editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate.

Rev. Annett Colpoy then remarked that there was more in matters of fitness, in her judgment, than in all the arguments, touching to a conversation between gentlemen, during which one of them remarked that a medical lecture to a class of women would be a physical impossibility. Only a few years before, and married men were forbidden to study medicine, and the reason was that the study of anatomy involved impurity. The other day she had visited another medical college, and was sure she, of the gentler sex, could not look into the dissecting-room without shrinking. The objection, however, was not valid. Women were capable of anything they pleased, and if they desired to be doctors they should be allowed to study medicine. The speaker then introduced Dr. W. H. Byford, of Bennett Medical College, to the audience.

Dr. Byford remarked that Chicago was about to inaugurate an institution which would be the natural outgrowth of a Women's Medical College. He believed the new school would prove a success, because it was a necessity. Europe had taken great progress in this direction, and it was doubtful whether the best physicians were to be found on the sacred footing. It was now thought that separate schools for the sexes were the best, and that they should be established. The basis should be of the highest character, especially in the study of anatomy. The speaker then reminded the audience of the interest taken in the matter by the admission of women to the medical colleges in the city of Geneva, in search of Mrs. Blackwell, who had fully succeeded, and was now enjoying a lucrative practice. Also the fact of the admission of women to the medical college of Edinburgh, an example which had been followed in the city of Moscow, in Russia, where she graduated in 1864. These three belonged to the new field now open for female practice in the profession. Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell was the first lady to be admitted to the medical profession, and she graduated in 1849. Three years before, she had made great progress in this direction, the most excellent woman that ever could have desired. Now it was the duty of the people to see that the new school was properly established